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Dr. Manmohan Singh
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
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New Delhi

Sub: - Criminal & Seditious activities by Narmada Bachao Andolan

Hon'ble Sir,

We draw kind attention of Your Excellency to our letter dated 08/04/2006.

We were closely watching the activities of NBA from the last six years. Our apprehension that NBA is funded and supported by foreign institution to thwart the development in the Country turned into reality when we could manage to get their internal correspondence.

From November 2000 till today we are regularly exposing criminal & seditious activities of NBA.

1. Ms. Patkar claimed her Andolan is non-violent. We proved that NBA is not only involved in violent activities but is also involved in gross human rights violation in Narmada valley. More than 200 FIRs have been filed against NBA activist in Madhya Pradesh during the last 10 years in which 52 FIRs have been filed by the Govt. officials. Details of few FIRs filed by Govt. Officials enclosed.
2. Ms. Patkar has claimed that Govt. of Madhya Pradesh has failed to provide adequate rehabilitation package to the Project Affected People (PAPs), however we have proved that it is NBA, which is coming in the way of rehabilitation. Govt. officials engaged in the work of rehabilitation are mercilessly beaten up by the activists and are prevented to conduct surveys of PAPs. NBA activists have banned entry of Govt. Officials in several villages. Photographs of few villages showing ban on the entry of the Govt. Officials enclosed.
3. Ms. Patkar also claimed that NBA is not accepting foreign funds. We proved that she is feigning. Statement of foreign funds received by NBA activists enclosed.
4. Ms. Patkar claimed that her Andolan is not taking foreign support. We proved that her Andolan is fully supported by foreign people.
5. Ms. Patkar claimed that her Andolan is run by the financial support given by the local people of Narmada valley. We proved that NBA is collecting funds through Hawala channel.

6. Ms. Patkar is engaged in misinformation campaign against projects of National importance on foreign soil to derail foreign funding on liberal terms to these projects. Her statements enclosed.
7. NCCL filed a petition in the High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad against NBA for imposing a BAN under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967. Copy of order dated 14/12/2001 is enclosed.
8. Project Affected Persons of SSP Shri Geda S/o of Shri Kotwal of Village Kekarwas (MP) and Shri Amansingh S/o of Shri Devisingh of village Dehar (MP) in their Affidavit dated 17/04/2006 stated that they are in favour of rehabilitation but NBA activists are preventing them to accept rehabilitation package. Copy of both the Affidavits are enclosed.

Recently we could manage to get a final report of Devas Police which highlights the criminal and seditious activities of NBA and its support group. Report also highlights foreign funds received by NBA and its support groups. Copy of final report dated 05/06/2001 enclosed.

NBA leaders not only worked against the projects of national importance but are also involved in disturbing the peace and harmony in Madhya Pradesh to appease their foreign masters. NCCL has already filed a PIL in the Supreme Court against NBA. From the recovered documents it is established beyond doubt that NBA is merely a **mask** and numbers of support groups are working under its umbrella and foreign funds are channelised through these fictitious organizations to thwart the development in the country.

We fully agree with your Excellency that Project Affected Persons (PAPs) should be given proper rehabilitation package. But, development and environment have always been interdependent and controversial in the past due to the fact that human prosperity depends on the natural resources and at the same time, fear of offsetting the advantages of development have been propounded and practiced. Sustainable development is also an aspiration but the practical totality is a myth. Hence, advantages and disadvantages of manipulation in nature are weighted against the long term needs and support to human societies and perspective outlook replaces the short sighted interpretations and environmental sooth – saying. Case of Narmada development is one such example. In all, Narmada development appears to pose short-term aberrations but while we look at the totality of the project, its perspective advantages to the future emerge.

It is also acceptable to civilised societies to accept and face the opposition to development projects. But, opposition also should be developed and prioritised on the technical and logical basis of valid information derived and interpreted in view of the prosperity and security of future generations. **Opposition should be qualified and not fanaticized.**

You may kindly be aware that it is not only **Gujarat**, but various districts of **Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan** were reeling under a famine due to inadequate rains for the last several years. The drought had forced lacs of people to migrate to other areas and innumerable heads of cattle perished due to paucity of water. Millions of people and specially women in Kutch and

Saurashtra are subjected to daily drudgery of fetching water from 5 to 10 kms. The perennial water scarcity has assumed such alarming proportions that nothing but **inter basin transfer of Narmada water** to these areas could only solve this problem.

When year after year in every decade parts of India suffers from drought, shortage of rainfall leading to cascading effect on the progress of the nation, production etc. you will kindly agree that such agitations are nothing but a **criminal act**.

Interestingly, foreign people/N.G.O's of developed countries who are joining hands with NBA to oppose large dams in the developing world i.e. **India**, themselves possess the maximum number of large dams. For your information, in case of India, it should be accepted that only about 12% of the Country's hydropower potential has been exploited as against **52.3% in Canada, 86.8% in Switzerland, 56.3% in Norway, 56.1% in USA and 68% in Japan**.

In view of the above your excellency is requested to take a stringent action against NBA activist who are deliberately coming in the way of proper rehabilitation of PAPs and trying to derail the development process of the Country.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
For **National Council For Civil Liberties**

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PRESIDENT

c c: Shri Ahmed Patel, Hon'ble Member of Parliament – New Delhi for kind information.